

### **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please delete the third full paragraph at page 4 (the paragraph at page 4, lines 10-11) and insert in its place the following paragraph:

-- **Figs. 1A, 1B, 1C, and 1D**, in combination, depict a schematic representation of the construction of a vector for heat-inducible expression of streptokinase in an *E. coli* host. Fig. 1A depicts the fabrication of the streptokinase insert. Fig. 1B depicts the starting pUC18 vector and the cutting of the vector with the restriction enzymes XbaI and BamHI. Fig. 1C depicts the resulting cut in the pUC vector within the multiple cloning site (MCS) of pUC18. Fig. 1D shows the incorporation of the insert of Fig. 1A into the pUC18 vector. --